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Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2006 11:40 AM
To: Nassif, Julianne (DPH); Caloggero, Dina (DPH)
Cc: DiNatale, Margaret (DPH)
Subject: RE: EP Proficiency testing

Hi Julie,

Sounds good, please document everything.

Harvey

From: Nassif, Julianne (DPH)
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To: George, Harvey (DPH); Caloggero, Dina (DPH)
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Harvey, Dina & Peggy,

This is a problem which may be larger than the PT survey. New York PT program has been unable to score the surveys due to a lack of consensus among the respondents. More specifically, hematofluorometer data does not match extraction data, which it has in the past. New York is concerned that there may be a problem with the QC materials from AVIV, manufacturer of the hematofluorometer. I have a call into NYDOH to try to understand the issue better and am meeting with my staff to go over our data. Let's discuss after I am able to gather all the information. Thanks.

Julie

From: George, Harvey (DPH)
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Subject: EP Proficiency testing
Importance: High

Hi Julie and Dina,

NY has been unable to evaluate the results of the last two PT challenges it sent to subscribers, which effectively means that we have had no outside evaluation of our results for 2 successive events. I realize that we are complying with the requirements of participating, but I would not call our results satisfactory. Do you think we should set up our own survey (using blinded previously tested samples) until NY is able to get its act together?

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